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every knight's fee, and neither the lady nor the heir shall be married with
disparagement, but with the good will and assent of their race, and the
baron's legacies (legata) shall be observed, and no baron shall lose his
bondman by reason of his coming into the city of Chester, unless he remain
there a year and a day unclaimed. And by reason of the heavy service
which they do in Cestreshyre none of them shall do service to the earl
without the border (extra lymam) except of his own free will and at the
earl's cost. And if the earl's knights of England, who owe ward to the earl
at Chester, be summoned and be come to perform their ward, and there be
no army of the earl's enemies present, and no need for the barons, the barons
may return to their homes and rest. And if an army of the earl's enemies
be in readiness to come into his land of Cestreshyre, or if the castle be
besieged, the said barons with their army and view (et visu suo) shall come
forthwith at the earl's summons to remove that army to the best of their
power, and when that army has retired from the earl's land, the said
barons with their army may return to their own lands and rest while the
knights of England perform their ward and the said barons are not needed,
saving to the earl the services which are due from them. The earl
grants that in time of peace only twelve Serjeants in eyre shall be kept in
his land with one horse for the master serjeant, who moreover shall not
have his keep (prebendam non habeai) between Easter and Michaelmas
except of grace; and the serjeants themselves shall eat the food they find
in men's houses without the purchase of any other kind of food for their
use, and shall not eat in any of the barons' demesnes. In time of war, by
counsel of the earl or his justice and the barons, a sufficient number of
serjeants shall be placed there for the custody of the earl's land as there
shall be need.

And the barons, for themselves and their heirs, have remitted to the earl
and his heirs the underwritten petitions which they claimed from him, so
that henceforth they can claim nothing thereof except by the earl's grace
and mercy. To wit, the steward's petition touching wreck and fish cast
upon his land by the sea, and touching hunting in the earl's forest with
three bows and coursing with his dogs; the petition of others touching
the agistment of swine in the earl's forest, touching hunting with three
bows in the earl's forest, or coursing with greyhounds in the forest in
going upon summons to Chester or returning; and the petition touching
the amercement by the judges of Wych of 30 measures (bullion) of salt, but
they shall remain amerced and the laws in Wych shall be as they were
before. The earl grants and confirms from himself and his heirs to all
knights and free tenants of the whole of Cestreshire and their heirs that they
may have and hold all the said liberties of the earl's barons and their other
lords, whosoever they be, as the barons themselves, knights and free
tenants hold the same of the earl. Witnesses:—Hugh, abbot of S. Wer-
burgh's, Chester; Philip de Orreby, then justice of Chester; Henry de
Aldithele, Walter Deyvill, Hugh the Despenser (Dispensario), Thomas
Despenser, William the Butler (Pincerna), Walter de Coventre, Richard
Phitun, Robert de Coudrey, Ivo de Kalecost, Robert de Say, Norman de
Paunton, Robert the Despenser, Robert Deyvill, Matthew de Verum, Hano
de Venables, Robert de Massey, Alan de Waley, Hugh de Colunbe, Robert
de Pulfort, Peter the Clerk, Hugh de Pasey, Joceramus de Hellesby,
Richard de Brescy, Richard de Kyngesale, Philip de Therem, Lithulphus
de Thwamlawe, Richard de Perpunt, and the whole county of Chester.

(2) Letters Patent of the king made before he assumed the governance of
the realm, dated Chester, 27 August, 49 Henry III., confirming the above,
and granting that if anyone holding land in the county of Chester is
convicted of any felony, of whatever place he is, the lord of the fee shall
have and receive his fee after a year and a day, and that the services which